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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Johns Hopkins University, Maryland has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to sign similar MoUs with other IITs of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the area of partnership identified for co-operation with Indian Institute of Technology and Science?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) A Memorandum of Understanding to promote cooperation and develop joint projects in the areas of mutual interest was signed, subject to ratification by the Senate on 08.02.2005 between Indian Institute of Technology, Madras and the University of Maryland System and the Johns Hopkins University, the United States of America. The main objective is to enhance the exchange of scientific knowledge and cultural traditions at the global level. The MoU envisages exchange of faculty and students for research, teaching and study, exchange of scholarly publications, joint research activities etc. The duration of the exchange visits will be determined by mutual consent for the period not exceeding one year. The MoU also provided for negotiations of financial arrangements depending upon the funds. The status of MoU will be reviewed at the end of each five year period to determine any modification with mutual consent. The MoU is terminable by either party by giving at least six months notice. HTs are free to sign MoU`s with foreign Universities without seeking prior permission of the Government.